

July 2021 Newsletter

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

NO JULY DISTRICT MEETING

CHAIRMAN – Dr. Richard Rutkowski

Independence Day is this weekend and yet another opportunity for us to celebrate and share our pride in the USA and its founding principles. We are taking some time off from monthly meetings this summer, but that doesn't mean that we're stopping our work. If you haven't already done so, you can obtain a walking list from your precinct captain, and visit some voters. Yes, it's hot, but early evening before sunset may be a reasonable time to do it. As I have told many of you, voters are impressed if you're walking in support of your beliefs in the hot weather. It does make an impression. You can also get trained on GOP Data Center. Michal Joyner and new PC Greg Blaire are leading that project in LD23. There are events hosted by various conservative organizations which you can attend to expand your knowledge and connect with others. You can help recruit new PCs and volunteers to join us in our work. Of course, you may just want to take a little time off to recharge and get ready for the 2022 campaign, since it will be full speed ahead starting this fall.

There's no summer break for District communications. Please check regularly for Constant Contact messages (Newsletter, Action Alerts, Events, etc.). The sender address is "news@ld23gop.org." We currently send to over 500 recipients so sometimes the message lands in "SPAM." Constant Contact is our main method for communicating with you; please open/read those messages. Our overall "open" rate is about 53%, but some of you are exceeding 90% - thank you! Please contact me with any questions or concerns. I check ld23gop@gmail.com several times every day. Also, please note that the phone number on my business card is a landline. Yes, I'm sticking with some "old school" habits.

FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN - Nancy Ordowski

I want to take this opportunity to wish each of you a HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY. We are so Blessed to live in America and to have Founding Fathers that were so inspired to create the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution. Each of you have stepped up to protect and work to save our treasured America. Thank you for working to save our Liberty and our Freedom.

If you haven't attended a PC Training, save Saturday, July 24. Details will be emailed soon. If you are an established PC and want to attend a training, please send me an email.

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, September 9.
Nancy

SECOND VICE CHAIRMAN - Joe Junker

Hi Everyone! We taking a break from official meetings for the summer, returning to meetings Thursday, September 9. I have a couple ideas that can keep us thinking, learning and on our toes:

Program Team: You might remember a few of my past updates included requests for; suggesting alternative venues for our meetings and otherwise organizing programs. Please consider reaching out to join me in the programs team. Thank you to PCs Greg Blaire and Dennis Weiland, both who have come forward to help with planning and executing the AV needs for our upcoming meetings. Other ideas for content, please bring forward to me; I request specific contacts and introductions.

- Anyone out there ready to help work on venues? Suggestions welcomed, but please think about these few things that likely are the primary needs:
- Location -- Should ideally be in LD23
- Cost – Free or nearly free (including AV) 😊
- Our PC count has increased, and in-person attendance has topped 150 people -- LD23 needs a rather large facility!
- The convenience and quality of online meetings has increased in importance, most feel we should continue with an online option to both allow for this convenience as well as enhance our reach -- the facility ideally should have microphone, internet access and projector(s)

Summer Workshops: I've not fully fleshed this out, but several ideas have been proposed by the Executive Committee members for online and in-person workshops during the summer to help us keep our communication open and continued learning. The opportunity to incorporate Web meetings enhances our ability to remain in touch, even as some go to the cooler climates.

We've had a few ideas; watch for some opportunities to participate online, and please email or text me with suggestions (specifics like topic/speaker would be ideal).

Please feel free to reach me via email at joepcl23@cox.net, or via voice/text at 480-309-7762. Looking forward to hearing from you.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Barry Graham, Treasurer

DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE
Statement of Activity & Reconciled Bank Balance
Month-Ended June 30, 2021

Revenue	
Donations/dues	\$ 1,704.00
Other	50.00
Name Badges	<u>272.00</u>
Total Revenue	<u>2,026.00</u>
Expenses	
Name badges	248.43
Email service	182.27
Bank/CC fees	40.18
Facility Rent	<u>90.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>560.88</u>
Net Change	1,465.12
Reconciled Bank Balance, prior month-end	<u>19,083.18</u>
Reconciled Bank Balance, current month-end	<u>\$ 20,548.30</u>

Because of inquiries from the Finance Committee (Gerry, Kristin, and Tami) we know more about the restitution matter from 2011. The District is currently owed \$2,490.00. Receipts from this matter are reported as “other income.”

Your 2021 donations continue to be strong – And we also continue to see big demand for name badges! We appreciate every donation dollar, as we accumulate resources to invest in the upcoming election.

Below are the donation tiers, which are reflected on the sign-in sheet, and are as follows:

Green.....	\$30/person (\$50/couple)
Gold.....	\$50/person
Red.....	\$100/person

Annual Donations can be made at monthly meetings, or by the following:

1. Pay with credit card by clicking the donate button on the website at LD23gop.org
2. Mail a check along with the completed Donation Form (Documents section of www.LD23GOP.org) to:

Barry Graham, Treasurer
District 23 Republicans
8776 E. Shea Blvd. Suite 106-341
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Make check payable to: **District 23 Republican Committee**

Note: Both checks and credit cards accepted. Donations unfortunately aren't tax deductible.

Thank you,

Barry Graham
(602) 740-2570
BSGraham@gmail.com

SECRETARY - Deborah Poland

**District 23 Republican Committee
Regular Meeting – June 10, 2021
Fountain Hills School District Learning Center & Zoom**

Call to Order (Dr. Rich Rutkowski, Chairman)

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

Tim Horn led the Invocation; Gerry Friedel led the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to Accept the May 13, 2021 Minutes: Motion to accept made by George Nemech and seconded by Greg Wodynski

Motion passed without objection

Treasurer's Report (Barry Graham, Treasurer)

Reported cash balance of \$19,083; District Audit was done on May 29, 2021. The report was given by Gerry Friedel

Introduction of Candidates and Officials (Dr. Rich Rutkowski, Chairman)

Elected officials were recognized and welcomed. Those running for office were also recognized.

PCs were reminded on regulations for signing petitions from candidates collecting signatures.

Due to the large number of new PCs, newly appointed PC names were read and acknowledged.

Joseph Chaplik gave an update on the current issues in the Legislature.

Kathy Littlefield, Scottsdale City Council spoke regarding current issues in Scottsdale – mainly immigrant housing. Many questions remained, so she committed to staying after the meeting to answer further questions.

Speakers (Joe Junker, 2nd Vice-Chairman)

Cathi Herrod, president of Center for Arizona Policy (CAP)

Cathi gave a recap of what was learned from the past legislative session. First, she recognized how difficult it is to get conservative bills passed when Republicans have such a slim majority. CAP is committed to fighting for freedom at all levels with both short and long term strategies. CAP focuses on wisdom for the correct strategy and courage to speak boldly. Some areas of focus are Education: parents' choice and parent access to educational materials. Religious freedom – because there is no freedom without religious freedom. And eliminating abortion – focusing on the state level.

Ashley Trussell, Arizona for Life

Ashley brought an informative video from Arizona Life Coalition. Their signature event is the Arizona For Life March & Rally on January 15, 2022 – Downtown Phoenix. Alveda King will be a speaker. Other events will be held prior to the March. These can be found on the website at: www.azliferally.org.

District Business and Announcements (Dr. Rich Rutkowski, Chairman)

Update on future meeting locations. PCs urged to stay connected via website and Constant Contact.

Kathy Littlefield finished comments and answered questions.

(Nancy Ordowski, 1st Vice-Chairman)

Update on new appointments and training for PCs. Current number of PCs in the District is 484.

Next Meeting – September 9, 2021 location TBD
Motion to adjourn made by Tim Horn and seconded by David Stanke; Motion passed without objection at 8:45 pm

DISTRICT 23 REPUBLICAN CLUB NEWS

Paradise Republican Women's Club

Next meeting: -----

McCormick Scottsdale Resort

7401 N. Scottsdale Rd.

8:15 AM Registration & Social / 9:00 AM Brunch / 9:45 AM Speaker

Speaker: -----

Brunch & meeting - \$35 per person. For RSVP, please visit

<https://checkout.square.site/buy/YJVL64TMY65BTXEGCPFAFMFZ>

Lincoln Republican Women's Club

Meetings: Monday, July 12

McCormick Scottsdale Resort

7401 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale

5:30 PM Meet & Greet / 6:00 PM Meeting

Speaker: Congressman Andy Biggs

Reservations needed by July 7. RSVP to Julie Gallagher

(reply to this email lrwdinner@gmail.com or email/phone Julie directly at JG2791@aol.com, 480-272-0511)

Palo Verde Republican Women

Next meeting: After summer break in September

Grayhawk Golf Club, The Fairway House

8620 E Thompson Peak Parkway, Scottsdale

11:00 AM Social / 11:30 AM Program & Lunch

Speaker: -----

Reservations required. Visit www.paloverderepublicanwomen.com.

Fountain Hills Republican Club

Next meeting: Saturday, July 17 9:00 AM

Location: -----

Speakers: -----

Please check with FHRC for details. Contact the club at FHRepublican@gmail.com to obtain information about virtual access.

For more info, contact Boe James

at FHRepublican@gmail.com or visit <http://FountainHillsRepublicanClub.org> or Fountain Hills Republican Club on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/FountainHillsRepublicanClub.

This month's newsletter was compiled, edited, and respectfully submitted by Rich Rutkowski, District Chairman.
